

## **REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006. Claims 5-31 remain pending. Claim 4, and claims 32-34 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3, and 5-31.

### **Claim Rejections**

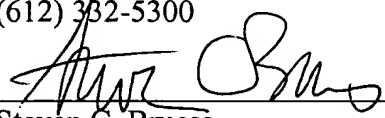
Claims 32-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carlson Jr. et al. 5,947,765. Applicant has considered the comments of the Examiner and cancelled claims 32-34 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 32-34 in a later filed continuation application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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